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Hammerstrom Remains Dedicated to Children's Causes

*Senator Hammerstrom lends a helping hand to raise money for
Children's Trust Fund of Michigan*

April 28, 2003 – Senator Beverly Hammerstrom (R-Temperance) joined her colleagues this morning at a press conference on the Capitol lawn to promote an upcoming fundraiser which will benefit the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan (CTF).

CTF is the only statewide, non-profit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Since its inception in 1982, CTF has raised more than \$60 million and provided support to over 6 million Michigan children and families.

CTF is funded by interest income from a restricted trust fund, direct donations, grants, earned income, fees from the purchase of the Children's License Plate, and from a charity auction. The Cherish the Children-Ultimate Fantasy Auction offers participants to bid on "dream items" such as becoming a Fighter Pilot for a Day and maneuvering an F-16 through the sky, working with a pit crew at the Indianapolis 500 or flying away on the Tony the Tiger Hot Air Balloon.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to help such a worthy cause," said Senator Hammerstrom. "April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Ultimate Fantasy Auction is yet another great way to raise awareness."

The Cherish the Children-Ultimate Fantasy Auction is open to the public and will take place on Tuesday, May 13, 2003. For more information about the auction or to purchase tickets, please call the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan at 517-373-4320.

A picture of Senator Hammerstrom speaking at today's press conference is available on the photowire at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/senator/hammerstrom/index.htm.